

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph 0037 as follows:

[0037] FIG. 1 illustrates a motor 112 having an output shaft 130 and a pump 108 having an input shaft 128 adapted to be coupled to motor output shaft 130. Both motor 112 and pump 108 are mounted to a support skid 100 on a supporting surface 110. The skid 100 has an upper plate 116 supporting the motor 112 and the pump 108 in axial alignment Z. Motor 112 is provided with a lower mounting plate 126, and pump 108 likewise includes a pair of spaced lower mounting members 124. The pump 108 has a casing 118 connected to a pump frame 120 from which extends the pump shaft 128. In a manner as is known, motor output shaft 130 and pump input shaft 128 are coupled together through a coupling ~~132~~ ~~114~~ so that pump 108 is driven in response to operation of motor 112. A coupling guard 114 is also shown. While a motor and pump arrangement is illustrated in FIG. 1, it is to be understood that the invention is usable in connection with any two adjacent pieces of equipment in which vertical alignment between the pieces of equipment is desired. To increase the pumping capacity of the pump 108, the casing 118 can be changed. However, this may require the use of a larger motor. In such a situation, the new motor will have to be aligned with the pump such that the motor and pump shafts are axially aligned. But, the vertically height difference may be too large and require a new pump skid 100. Additionally, the lower mounting plate 126 many times will have mounting holes that do not match the mounting holes in the skid 100, thereby requiring additional modifications to the skid 100 or replacement thereof.

Please amend paragraph 0046 as follows:

[0046] Referring now to FIGS. 13 and 14, there is shown an embodiment of a skid 300 according to the present invention. Skid 300 is similar to skid 200, except that support member 250 is replaced with adjustable support members 350a and 350b. Each of support members 350a and 350b is a releaseably attachable cross member similar to cross members 212, but cross members 350a and 350b have end plates 352a, 354a, 352b and 354b attached, respectively, to the ends thereof. The cross members 350a, 350b have a plurality of motor mounting holes 366, preferably with a designation similar to designation 268 (see FIG. 10), which are used to identify the set of mounting holes 366 to be used in mounting a specific motor. Depending on the motor to be installed, a particular combination of holes 214a, 214b and holes 362a, 362b, ~~362c~~ ~~262e~~ are used to vertically position the support members 350a, 350b relative to the base members 210 using a plurality of fasteners (not shown for the sake of clarity). The end plates 352a and 352b have a motor designation similar to marking 264 (see FIG. 6) indicating motor size and/or type corresponding to holes 362a, 362b, 362c in the end plates 352a, 354a, 352b and 354b. Though more combinations of matching holes between holes 362a, 362b, 362c in the end plates 352a, 354a, 352b and 354b and the holes 214a, 214b in the base members 210 may exist, only those combinations with a corresponding motor designation 364 similar to marking 264 showing through a motor designation window 216 in the base member 210 are valid combinations. For example, referring to FIG. 6, for illustration

purposes only, the motor designation 215T on the side wall 254 shows through the window 216 and the arrow Y points to a matching of the holes 214b and 262b. To accommodate a greater number of motor sizes or makes, the base members 210 can have additional holes, for example, holes 314a, 314b to axially move the cross member 352a. prior to releaseably attaching it to the base members 210.

Please amend paragraph 0048 as follows:

[0048] Referring now to FIGS. 16 and 17, there is shown an embodiment of a skid 500 according to the present invention. Skid 500 is similar to skid 300, except that the cross members 212 are now cross members 512a and 512b, which are vertically adjustable rather than fixed. The cross members 512a, 512b are vertically adjustable in the same manner as cross members 350a, 350b. The base members 210 have holes 514a, 514b similar to holes 214a, 214b. The cross members 512a and 512b have end plates 552a, 552b, 554a and 554b attached to the ends of cross members 512a and 512b ~~51b~~, respectively. The end plates 552a, 552b, 554a and 554b have holes 562a, 562b, 562c, which are vertically aligned with and releaseably secured to holes 514a or 514b to ~~514b~~ vertically position the support members 512a and 512b relative ~~512b~~ relative to the base members 210. A designation window 564 can be used in similar fashion to designation window 264 and 364, but in this case to indicate the type and/or size of pump.